

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

50. **(Currently amended)** An iron-type golf club comprising:
a head having a sole and also having an impact face with a single design loft;
a single straight hosel; and
a single straight shaft connected to the head via the hosel, the connection arranged so that the shaft forms a non-zero lean angle with the vertical when the head rests on its sole so that the impact face is positioned at its design loft, the head and hosel having been cast or forged at the time of manufacture to achieve the non-zero lean angle.
51. **(Currently amended)** An iron-type golf club comprising:
a head having a sole and also having an impact face with a single design loft;
a single straight hosel; and
a single straight shaft connected to the head via the hosel, the connection arranged so that the shaft forms a non-zero lean angle with the vertical when the head rests on its sole so that the impact face is positioned at its design loft, the non-zero lean angle being greater than 3 degrees.
52. **(Previously presented)** The iron-type golf club as defined in either of claims 51 or 54 wherein the lean angle is greater than 3 and less than 15 degrees, the head and hosel having been cast or forged at the time of manufacture to achieve the non-zero lean angle.
53. **(Currently amended)** An iron-type golf club comprising:
a head having a face with a single design loft and a sole;
a single straight hosel; and
a single straight shaft connected to the head via the hosel, the connection arranged so that the shaft ~~for~~ forms a non-zero lean angle, which non-zero lean angle is greater than 3 and less than 10 degrees, with the vertical when the head rests on its sole so that its face achieves its design ~~angle~~ loft.
54. **(Currently amended)** An iron-type golf club comprising:
a head having a sole and an impact face with a single design loft;

a single straight hosel; and

a single straight shaft connected to the head via the hosel, the connection arranged so that the shaft forms a non-zero lean angle with the vertical when the head rests on its sole so that the impact face is positioned at its design loft, the center of mass of the golf club being in substantially the same location as at the time of manufacture.

59. **(Currently amended)** In combination, a golf club head for an iron-type golf club and a single, straight hosel, the golf club head having a face, a sole, and a single design loft, the golf club head and hosel being arranged and constructed so that if the golf club head were attached to a straight shaft at the hosel and the sole of the golf club head were positioned on a flat surface so that its face achieves the design loft with respect to a plane perpendicular to the flat surface, the angle drawn between the centerline of the shaft and a plane perpendicular to the flat surface is non-zero.
60. **(Currently amended)** An iron-type golf club comprising:
a golf club head having a face, a sole, and a single design loft;
a single straight hosel; and
a single straight shaft connected to the head via the hosel, the connection arranged so that if the head were positioned on a flat surface so that its face achieves the design loft with respect to the perpendicular, the shaft would not be perpendicular to the flat surface.
61. **(Previously presented)** A wedge-type golf club comprising a head and a shaft connected to the head with a non-zero lean angle, so that if the head were positioned on a flat surface in a manner that caused its face to achieve its design loft with respect to the perpendicular, the shaft would not be perpendicular to the flat surface.
62. **(Previously presented)** A wedge-type golf club manufactured by a method comprising steps of:
selecting a wedge head having a predetermined design characteristics including design loft and bounce angle; and

attaching a shaft to the wedge head at a non-zero lean angle, so that if the head were positioned on a flat surface in a manner that caused its face to achieve its design loft with respect to the perpendicular, the shaft would not be perpendicular to the flat surface.

63. **(Previously presented)** The wedge-type golf club of either one of claims 61 or 62, wherein the non-zero lean angle is greater than about 3 degrees.
64. **(Previously presented)** The iron-type golf club of any one of claims 51, 52, 54 or 60, wherein the golf club is a wedge-type club.
65. **(Previously presented)** The combination of claim 59, wherein the golf club head is a wedge-type head.
66. **(Previously presented)** An iron-type golf club comprising:
 - a head having a face and a sole;
 - a single straight hosel; and
 - a single straight shaft connected to the head via the hosel, the connection arranged so that the shaft forms a non-zero lean angle, which non-zero lean angle is greater than 3 and less than 10 degrees, with the vertical when the head rests on its sole, the center of mass of the golf club being in substantially the same location as at the time of manufacture.
67. **(Previously presented)** The iron-type golf club of any one of claims 50, 51, 53, 54, 60 or 66, wherein the connection occurs at an end of the head adjacent the face.
68. **(Previously presented)** The combination of claim 59 wherein the hosel attaches to the head at an end adjacent the face.
69. **(Previously presented)** The wedge-type golf club of either one of claims 61 or 62, wherein the head and shaft are connected at an end of the head adjacent its face.